LAWYERS TO ENTER FIGHT

St. Louisans Open Battle On 'Dictator Rule' At Wheatley Y

By HOWARD B. WOODS
(Defender Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS—Legal counsel entered the Phyllis Wheatley Branch YWCA eviction cases this week following what has been termed a "dictatorial edict" handed down by the Committee of Administration compelling the 80 residents to pay $7 per week in addition to their rent to "preserve the food service" for the convenience of club groups meeting there.

Low-income girls resisting the action, have received written notices over the signature of Miss Florence Adams giving definite dates to vacate their rooms. A number of these girls have employed lawyers to defend them against evictions.

Other developments in the case, which was first reported in the Chicago Defender, came with the removal of issues of the Defender from the regular newspaper rack behind the YWCA's desk. An indication of the move to suppress the story by the publicly supported institution, came upon arrival of the distributor in company with the writer, on the regular distribution route. Miss Pauline Dickerson, who was behind the desk at the time, summoned Mrs. Anna Dee Scott, executive secretary, and inquired whether or not she should accept the newspapers. Mrs. Scott said she had no authority to refuse them—that [illegible] matter was left to the committee.

Secure All Defenders

The following week, the exact number of Defenders left, were returned to the agent, not from the regular rack, as customary, but from an office in the west end of the building.

In the meanwhile, the agent reported that other weekly publications were in plain view on the rack.

Several Y residents told the Defender that upon inquiry about the purchase of a Defender from the desk, they were told by an attendant there that it is "on the rack, not to sell Chicago Defenders."

Show Interest

Much interest has been manifested by the case as citizens are curious what course the YWCA will pursue to actually evict those girls who fail to conform to the rule of having to pay for meals in the food service whether they eat there or not.

Y officials have explained to the Defender that each case would be handled individually. One resident told the Defender she was employed from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 11 at night, making it impossible to eat during the dinner hour. She said she sought counsel from officials and it was suggested that "maybe we could save your food until you get home."

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New Jersey

From the Readers

PM New York. N.Y.

No Discrimination

To the Editor:

It was with interest that we of Montclair reviewed the article *Jersey Town Looks at Self, Finds Much Bias, Some Good.*

May I call your attention to the statement that was made about the YWCA. It read: "The YWCA is nondiscriminatory, but does have an all-white branch." This is incorrect. If a statement was to be made regarding the status of the Young Women's Christian Association, it should have been that the YWCA is nondiscriminatory in its practices; there is the one YWCA in town, and it has no branch. There is a Women's Division of the Park Street YMCA whose practices are in line with YMCA practices. I believe the article made it quite clear about the position the YMCA took on race.

Our organization is diligently putting forth every effort to put into practice the purpose of the YWCA. It involves real social change, which we all know is very slow, but we are plugging away at it feeling that each little step in the right direction brings us nearer the goal.

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ISABELLE W. LAMAY,
Executive Director, YWCA
Montclair, N. J.

Harlem YWCA Secretary Retires; Mabelle Williams Takes Post

Chicago Defender, Chicago Ill.

Sat. 9-20-47

By ROBERT J. DOUGLASS

NEW YORK—After 43 years of active service in the YWCA, Mrs. Cecilia Saunders Holloway, executive secretary of the Harlem branch, is retiring, succeeded in the post by Mrs. Mabelle White Williams.

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Nearly half a century ago when Mrs. Holloway entered the Y service as a student secretary, few had been the women in youth guidance work or anything akin to it. Most women were teachers or nurses. Mrs. Holloway came to the YWCA as a student secretary from the chair of mathematics of one of our leading colleges.

These student secretaries at that time traveled widely from campus to campus organizing the YMCA and YWCA movements which have flourished in the schools since that time.

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Moves To Gotham

Mrs. Holloway continued this work until her marriage to the late Dr. Cabaniss when she established residence in New York City. A private home was leased for YWCA headquarters on 132nd St. There were 28 residents. The lower floors were offices and reception rooms. Harlem was fast filling with newcomers and this center provided a comfortable home and Christian environment for students and others visiting Gotham.

The work of the YWCA grew and headquarters were moved to 2237 7th Ave. This building furnished more accommodations. The next announcement was that a million dollars had been appropriated for property in the area covering 137th St. to 167th on which the new YWCA would be built.

The main building, from which Mrs. Holloway retires, is annexed to the Emma Ransom House and is a modern up-to-date structure.

Mrs. Holloway's successor, Mrs. Williams, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Hayden White. Her father, now retired, was for years assistant editor of the New York Age. Her paternal grandfather was the Rev. William J. White of Augusta, Ga., founder of the Georgia Baptist, official organ of the Baptist denomination. Her maternal grandfather was the Rev. William Smalley, was one of the organizers of the CME church and pastor of one of its largest churches.

For many of her 27 years in YWCA work, Mrs. Williams has been in charge of the Fern Rock Summer camp. She managed the Emma Ransom home until she took over her present post as executive secretary September 1.

THE MAYOR GIVES HIS SUPPORT TO YWCA DRIVE

Mr. O'Dwyer being presented with the first of the campaign posters by (left to right) Sylvia Sarnquist, Carolyn Hendry and Betty Adamson, the girls who posed for the poster, and Mrs. Cleveland E. Dodge, chairman.

The New York Times

Times New York N.Y.
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Mayor O'Dwyer appealed yesterday to all New Yorkers to contribute to the united fund-raising campaign of the Y. W. C. A.'s of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. At a City Hall ceremony in which he viewed the official campaign poster, the Mayor urged generous support of the campaign to raise $455,000 which will open on Oct. 7.

Among those present at the brief ceremony was Mrs. Cleveland E. Dodge, city-wide chairman of the United Y. W. C. A. Appeal of Greater New York. Also present were three girls whose likenesses adorn the poster. They are Betty Adamson, 227 West 149th Street; Carolyn Hendry, 340 West Eighty-fifth Street, and Sylvia Sarnquist, 99-06 209th Street, Queens Village, Queens.

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Baltimore, Md.

TOLEDO—(ANP)—Miss Rosa M. Spears, former Red Cross field worker in the Southwest Pacific, recently joined the staff of the Toledo YWCA as associate executive director. Sat 8-11-47

Miss Spears served overseas two-and-a-half years, beginning as an assistant club director and ending as a super visor of recreation.

She formerly served as YWCA executive in Portland, Ore., and Richmond. Va.

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Round-The-World Reconstruction Fund Campaign

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(SNS)—Among the endorsers of the YWCA's Round-the-World Reconstruction Fund Campaign are Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder-president of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. and Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Director of Community Services for the American Council of Race Relations.

Memphis, Tenn. (56)

The campaign now in progress is seeking to raise $2,100,000 to aid women and girls in thirty countries overseas hardest hit by the war. The fund will be used to send American leaders to do rehabilitation work among the war victims and to train new native leaders to carry on the work of the YWCA abroad. Special projects for extending the work in thirty countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America in providing residences, vocational classes, and public health programs for girls and women have been outlined by the YWCA's Foreign Division.

Eve. 2-14-47

In endorsing the campaign, Mrs. Bethune said, "I am tremendously interested in the program which the Fund is fostering. I am convinced that there is no more important program at the present moment. The YWCA is uniquely prepared to initiate such a program and should have the sympathetic support of all women's organizations."

Reconstruction, a Grave Problem

Dr. Weaver recently returned from a six months mission in Russia as a member of an UNRRA team, said: "Anyone who visits war-torn Europe, as I did last year, is impressed with the magnitude of the reconstruction problem which the peoples of that continent face. I am told by competent observers that the situation in Asia and parts of Africa is equally pressing. The war, which occasioned this widespread devastation, also created drastic changes in the dimensions of social and economic problems. The issue of race and color prejudices is today a world-wide problem. It is important that among these agencies which participate in the rehabilitation of the world, some like the YWCA, which have faced forthrightly domestic, social and economic problems (including that of race), should participate. I therefore endorse heartily the Round-the-World Reconstruction Fund Campaign of the National Board of the YWCA."

Personnel of the First Board Members of the Colored Y. M. C. A.

Globe - Nashville Tenn. (55) Tenn. Fri. 11-7-47

Nine members of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association, incorporated in Tennessee, who back in the early days accepted the challenge and undertook the responsibility of operating an incorporated Association for colored men and boys in Nashville, and who further assumed the one hundred thousand dollar mortgage on the magnificent property located at the corner of Fourth Avenue North and Charlotte Ave. (Cedar Street).

Only three of the nine now survive. The personnel of the Board, reading from left to right top row, Dr. J. H. Hale, Rev. J. W. Pitt, Rev. Henry A. Boyd, Mr. M. D. Mullins; bottom row, left to right, Attorney J. W. Grant, Mr. A. G. Price, Mr. J. C. Napier, Dr. C. V. Roman, Elder Preston Taylor. Out of these nine the only survivors are A. G. Price, now the cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company, M. D. Mullins, who operates an orphanabe and day home for destitute children, and Rev. Henry A. Boyd, secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, president of the Denominational Trust Association that took over the mortgage on the building purchased by the Young Men's Christian Association and president of the Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company.

The Citizens Savings Bank is located on the ground floor in the northeast corner of the building, and the ground floor space is being leased by one drug store, two barber shops, a taxi cab office, an insurance office, shoe repair shop, Florists, a beauty shop while the upper three floors are being used by the Colored Young Men's Christian Association for dormitory space, a gymnasium hall, a front parlor, a pool room and other offices for the convenience of the people in down town Nashville.